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SUBJECT: INDO-US INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION REPORTED IN PRESS

1. THE HINDUSTAN TIMES MARCH 14 CARRIES FRONT PAGE STORY  
HEADLINED "CIA COACHED INDIANS ON INTELLIGENCE". STORY  
APPEARS NO WHERE ELSE. FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: BY CHAND JOSHI, HINDUSTAN TIMES CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, MAR. 13 - PARA. 1. THE CIA, NOW ACCUSED OF ENGAGING  
IN "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" IN INDIA, HAD IN THE SIXTIES  
TRAINED SENIOR INDIAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS AND HELPED BUILD  
THE NUCLEUS OF INDIA'S COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE NETWORK. PARA 2.  
MAJOR TIP-OFFS GIVEN BY AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO THE  
ESCAPE OF THE DALIA LAMA IN 1959 AND CHINESE TROOP MOVEMENTS  
ALONG THE INDO-TIBET BORDER DURING 1959-1962. PARA 3.  
FOLLOWING THE INDIAN DEBACLE IN THE SINO-INDIAN WAR, WHICH  
MANY FELT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF THERE HAD BEEN BETTER  
COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE, SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE THEN INTEL-  
LIGENCE BUREAU WERE SENT TO THE US FOR TRAINING IN METHODS OF  
INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA COLLECTED, INCLUDED  
IN THE TEAM WERE OFFICERS FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. PARA 4.  
THE "OFFICIAL REFRESHER COURSES" CONTINUED WELL INTO 1965

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AND THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE STRUCTURE WAS GRADUALLY

ACCEPTED AS THE MODEL. PARA 5. THE INITIAL COMPUTERS ORDERED BY THE INDIAN INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENTS WERE PROGRAMMED ACCORDING TO THE SYSTEM FOLLOWED IN THE UNITED STATES. EVEN THE "INTERROGATIONS ROOMS" IN THE FORT AT CALCUTTA AND IN NEW DELHI USED LIGHT DESIGNS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES AS PREVALENT IN THE US. THERE HAD ALSO BEEN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION SPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO CHINA, WHICH WAS CONSIDERED THE BIGGEST ENEMY BY BOTH THE US AND INDIA, A FACT ACKNOWLEDGE BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN A RECENT INTERVIEW. PARA 6. EVEN AFTER THE 1965 WAR WITH PAKISTAN, THE LINKS BETWEEN INDIAN COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AND THAT OF THE US CONTINUED. A CHANGE CAME ABOUT AROUND 1968-69 BY WHEN INDIAN COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE GRADUALLY CAME INTO ITS OWN AND INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP HAD DETERIORATED. BY THE TIME THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS WING (INDIA'S COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY) CAME INTO BEING AS A DISTINCT ENTITY, ALMOST ALL LINKS HAD BEEN SNAPPED. PARA 7. THE USSR STEPPED IN TO HELP, AND A REFRESHER COURSE WAS HELD IN THE USSR THOUGH WITH FAR LESS FREQUENCY. NEW COMPUTERS BOUGHT, INCLUDING THE MAIN "FILE COMPUTER", HAD A DIFFERENT PROGRAMMING SYSTEM AND OLDER SENIOR OFFICERS WERE "DEBRIEFED". DURING THE 1971 CRISIS, PAKISTANI MESSAGE INTERCEPTION AND DECODING AND INFORMATION STORAGE WAS DONE WITH THE HELP OF HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE SOVIET UNION. END QUOTE

3. COMMENT: IF ASKED ABOUT THIS REPORT, THE EMBASSY PLANS TO OFFER A SIMPLE "NO COMMENT". SAXBE

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